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DATE: 29 March 1949

FROM :

SUBJECT:

1. Per your request, following are a few comments and observations gathered as a result of my training and processing.

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2. Photographic training. The photographic training received from Mr. [] is excellent. It is general and covers the use of various cameras and the developing and printing of pictures. His training, in my estimation, is invaluable to any intelligence officer or employee going to the field with this organization. I feel that everyone should have basic knowledge on how to use a camera, regardless of their classification or assignment.

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The training received in [] shop was far more detailed. The individual instruction was excellent to superior, but was concerned with the use of one or two cameras and to document photography, taking pictures of documents and the developing and printing of documents. The instructors were very helpful. It was not an unnecessary duplication of the basic photography received in [] shop.

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3. Communications. The cryptographic training received from Mr. [] and [] was excellent. My only comment is that I felt that the memorizing of triads and the use of the coding and decoding of messages could be well integrated into the advanced training program. By spending 15 minutes a day for three weeks one would have memorized the triads and could make use of them in writing messages during practical problems given during the last weeks of the course. I feel that by giving this training during the AITC it will be more effective and useful to intelligence officers. There is no great security hazard involved in memorizing triads.

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The familiarization training given on surveillance equipment and agent type radios is, to some extent, a duplication of that received in the AITC, but a much needed duplication. By the time one processes through this training he has in mind the type of equipment he is going to use and can spend time working with this equipment.

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7. In closing, I would like to express my appreciation to you and the various members of your staff for the excellent cooperation that they gave me in my training and processing. I enjoyed very much the tour of duty with the Training staff. I wish you all a great deal of success.

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